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An exchange thinks there is nothing soft about Mayor Candler if he does make soft drinks.

It is said to be a fact for apprecia tion that the Russians in this country have not yet made peace.

Indiana whisky men consider gov ernment by injunction just as good as any other kind if it works.

Gradually it seems to be coming home to the allies that the great "drive" is not up to specifications.

The writer has had ocular proof that jowl is still obtainable, but turnip greens seem to have become ex-

A recent decision of the supreme court discloses the fact that, there is no federal law against the purchase of

George Creel contends that the names of Americans in casualty lists without addresses is not news. There are

Secretary Houston prefers defeat to dishonor. In case of defeat, the dishonor would probably be able to take care of itself.

The shortage of workers on the farms-and everywhere else-has given new impetus to the enforcement of vagrancy laws,

We hear that the boys are respond ing readily to the call for volunteer recruits to work on the farm and wherever else needed.

At that, Trotzky gets off better than Kerensky. The latter has disappeared. but the former seems to be holding the fort at Petrograd.

Plenty of time is being allowed Holland to make up her mind about that shipping, but the skips are held in least in the meantime

The number of Japanese killed at that Siberian town has already diminished from 150 to six, and the returns are probably not all in.

Von Hertling is absolutely unable to understand why anybody should object to so innocent an instrument as the

German peace with Russia.

Nashville is much more leisurely about her ouster trials than is Chattanooga. But perhaps the Capital City base't many other diversions.

Gov. Pleasants, of Louisiana, seems also to find some impediment in the law against his intervention to prevent lynching and to punish lynchers.

Congress needs steering council. Headline. Perhaps so, but it had been our impression that there was no dearth of pilots about the capital,

Alabama's agricultural commissioner says he will not ask farmers to plant less cotton, but he plainly intimates that food crops are of most importance.

An investigation shows that only r small portion of the \$43,000,000 fire losses which have been credited to enemy agents were actually due to that

News that fifty persons were killed in an air raid over Coblenz, with other material damages, was probably received in London with Christian resignation.

A malicious exchange wants all the spring poets included in the next them now seem inclined to commit overt acts.

The Hadley Bend powder plant is to exemplify patriotism in name as well as in nature. It is to be called Jacksonville awhile, and then changed to Hermitage.

Perhaps Von Hertling includes Sweden among the "hypocrites," since the latter is a trifle slow to properly of the Baltic.

Votes cast for John Purroy Mitchel last fall cost on an average \$10 apiece. But the New York World consoles itself with the reflection that it made him an aviator.

Archie's wound is more recent than that of his distinguished father. But the latter can reflect that the son will probably still be too young to be president when the war is over.

Washington rumors now indicate that an investigation of the "delay" in the aircraft program will be held Only a week or two ago the dispatches announced that shipment of airplanes had begun ahead of time. We shall presently want an inquiry to ascertain where we are "at."

TOO MUCH TALK ABOUT THAT OFFENSIVE.

Since Von Hindenburg accused us Americans of being disposed to advertise, he has done a good deal of publicity work him-

If the Germans mean business in their announcements of the western drive it is probably the first time in history that an attack will have been delivered after such announcement.

It may be remembered by our readers that we have expressed institution of its kind in the world. some skepticism as to the sincerity of these notices. We observe that the war department at Washington now also is suspicious of the statements coming in such number from Hun headquarters. Hindenburg and Ludendorff are supposed to be at a watering place in Belgium, and they are said to have invited neutral correspondents to accompany them in the forthcoming campaign. That also Page were evolved after a long conis somewhat unlike the German military war-lord.

From the point of view of the central powers, why should they attack in the west? They are almost certain to lose from a half to three-quarters of a million men. Judging by Verdun and other bitterly fought offensives initiated by either combatant, the chances of success are small.

The junker military strategy heretofore has been to follow the surgeons would be established here. lines of least resistance. They put several Russian armies out of commission, leading up to that final debacle; they disposed of Serbia, of Rumania, of the Gallipoli expedition, and finally repulsed capital will soon be interested in such

There is still opportunity for some comparatively easy victories on the east. An invasion of Greece would isolate Saloniki. cut the line of supplies across Sabania and Macedonia and render the garrison dependent on sea transport alone. In addition, King Constantine might be restored to his throne, and this would have a political and moral effect in the Levant.

An expedition against India would a spectacular affair, and might be counted on to give much uneasiness in England. The route through Persia and Afghanistan is now comparatively open.

There is the far east and China. The bolsheviki might accept aid and become, in effect, allies of Germany, if a blow against Japan's influence could be delivered.

Then there is northern Italy. An offensive there, difficult though it might be, would offer much less opportunities of effective resistance than in France or Belgium. The invaders occupy the summits of the Doric Alps. The ground slopes down to the plains. If they could take Bassano, the whole Piave line of the Italians, French and English would have to be withdrawn, and such would be most difficult. There is a greater possibility in a strategic way on the Venetian plains than elsewhere.

So, with all these possibilities elsewhere, we are still somewhat doubtful of the sincerity of the announcements made from Berlin. The central powers might fail on any one or all of these minor campaigns outlined above and even then not be seriously injured strategically. On the other hand, if they strike in the west and fail, they would have behind them a population in despair of a successful termination of the war. The question would come simply to be at what date the Americans could concentrate such a force as would be able to drive the invaders back of the Rhine.

It is much more likely that the enemy will repose his dependence on the submarine, while undertaking campaigns involving lit tle loss of life. Our job right now is to secure transport. A decision in the war may be forced within a year, not so much by the number of men any country can enlist, but by the number it can maintain on the firing line.

WAR ON A STATUE.

capital city the bronze statue of Frederick the Great, which was presented by the present kaiser, one of his lineal descendants, to this country several years ago, and which was accepted and given a place of honor by the colonel, who was then president, and was at the time on much better terms with the kaiser than at present. Senator Thomas, of Colorado, proposes that it be torn down and made into bullets. This was the fate of a statue to George III, in the time of the revolution, but the Nashville Banner remarks that bullets are not made of bronze, hence the statue of the great Hohenzollern will have to be devoted to making shrapnel or some other use-

Waging war in this way may look and it is, but the erection of such a should be a compelling lodestone." monument even in a time of peace was a matter of questionable taste. ideals of America and those of Fredhave been properly considered. Not as a means of showing petty resentment, but as illustrating anew the country's conception and appreciation of democracy, the statue should be removed, its metal utilized, or it should be sent

back through the lines to Berlin. Congress will probably provide the necessary authority. It will be easy to nanifest patriotism in this way, and there will doubtless be a bandwagon rush. A body which debated allowing draft. Really, however, not many of the crection of a memorial to an American president at the capital will surely not besitate to obliterate this flaunting symbol of the world's most despotic

One almost shudders when thinking of the fact that the demand in France for cereals for food resulted in forbidding grain being fed to stock. This caused most of the cattle to be slaughtered and a reduction in the number of borses by half. Meatless days were appreciate the benevolent assimilation suspended for a while, but what shall pelling lodestone" sure enough. It is the future bring?

> New York's fumbling does not halt he ratification procession, which goes merrily forward. We suggest, for the benefit of the Empire state, the epigram of a great advertiser; "Eventually, why not now?"

It is claimed that Germany will soon reach a limit in selling American property in that country as a reprisal for a similar course by this country. She will run out of property to sell long before such is the case in this

Some one has called attention to the suggestion that the late fuel order does waterpower legislation as will induce not limit the purchase of wood to onehalf of the amount needed. The supply and upon terms equitable alike to available may be limited, however,

SOUTHERN PROSPERITY.

Not long since the Nashville Banrace for prosperity and brogress, that before the government considerately property owners here and there. located a powder mill nearby. Now every prospect pleases and only man is vile. The Banner's visions are taking on a decidedly more rosy tint. It can see prosperity looming up on every side, all over the south. But so its exuberant periods the Banner re-

"The south has attracted the nation's attention for its marvelous resources in time of war. When peace the prosperity that comes from the location of great manufacturing ensomewhat like a hysterical proceeding, terprises. Our waterpower alone

While some of us had never become so disconsolate as was our contempo-There is little in common between the rary, we are, nevertheless, constrained to agree with the general correctness erick the Great. The removal of this of its present outlook. It seems to us memorial even before the war might that there is every reason why the south should develop and prosper, and none why it should not. It has every facility that any other section has, and many that none other possesses. For two or three seasons men have come out of other sections and urged the south to prepare to feed herself. And, while there was a certain suggestion of humor in this advice, the south is acting upon it. The south can readily feed herself and clothe herself, and likewise manufacture most of what she needs. Can any of the other sections of the country do this? The south needs the other parts of the country and wants their co-operation, but she could probably get along without them much better than they could without her.

> graph from the Banner, the south's resources are largely undeveloped She is just getting into her stride. "Our waterpower should be a comsomewhat trying on the public patience, however, to wait upon congress to make suitable provision for its utilization. The south needs that this great conservation and development campaign be entered upon without further delay. The balance of the country needs it more. Will the government itself, as in the Hadley Bend and Muscle Shoals terprises, have to provide the capital and initiate the work?

We still hope that when congress recovers from the ennut consequent upon the exhausting consideration of the daylight-savings bill it will ad dress itself to the completion of such the early barnessing of the streams capital and power consumers.

COL. PAGE'S GREAT PLAN. Col. Henry Page outlined before cit-

izens of Chattanooga last night at the chamber of commerce his plan for a great medical college here. It should be the outgrowth of the medical officers training camp, which under Col. Page has expanded from its small beginnings until now it is the greatest Col. Page hopes that this will be the location of a permanent medical university. He indicated that a sum estimated at \$500,000 would be necessary to establish such an institution. Chattanooga would be fortunate to secure such an institution. The ideas of Col. sultation wit. Maj. Chas. Mayo, whose position at the head of American surgeons would give the university start that nothing else could.

Col. Page indicated that the medical ficers' school would be expanded during the war even more than we had known. The examining board of He made a plea for the crection of a small hotel near the camp at Chicka mauga. It is to be hoped that private venture. There should be a com fortable hotel near the camp so that the wives and families of officers and I'd instructors may be conveniently lo-

This is a problem that Chattanooga is faced with. The demand for rooms in the city now is great. The increased number of officers not only in the medical but in all the camps at Chickamauga have made a demand on the city to which it was scarcely equal.

Gen. Birmingham, the new comman der at Camp Greenleaf, was also an honored guest of the chamber. He has been in Chattanooga several times, his first service here being as a surgeon in the regular army in 1898, He sees a vast difference in the health conditions in the camp this year and that. Gen. Birmingham has risen to high rank in the medical department of the army and is held in highest respect by all who know his splendid record. Chattanooga is pleased to have such men assigned here.

POOR PROPERTY OWNERS!

In the same mail that informs us of a "sur-charge" of 10 per cent, on insurance policies comes notice that the tax assessor of Hamilton county is going to insist on a full assessment of personal property. These are hard days for the owner of property. Last year both the county and city tax rates were increased. The tax rate for Hamilton county is now up over the high-water mark. No economy leves was built to hold it within the

This hasn't been a very prosperous period for real estate. Of all classes of property that was inactive the improved real estate has for the past five years been less active than any With taxes boosted, now a 10 per cent. increase put on insurance premiums, and with repairs also costing more, along with stupendous coal bills it was manifesting a lack of tang, or the water company taking also its words to that effect. But that was advance, there are groanings among

The assessor, however, is doing his duty. We wouldn't criticise him. But, if there were ninety-five others who were doing likewise, the step would be more generally approved. The trouble, however, is that in the urban counties can others, for that matter. In one of of Tennessee property already is assessed much higher than in rural counties, and there is no likelihood of any relief from this inequality until there is a tax commission in Tennessee. As yet we have no candidate for comes it will be owerwhelmed with governor who really has the grit to advocate real tax reform.

As to the increase in insurance rates, we presume that along with other classes of business there has been an increase in the cost. The insurance people can easily raise the rates because they belong to an underwriters' association. They work in combination. If they want to put on the screws, they can do it. This is the second increase Chattanooga has suffered in the past three years.

With so many marking up prices. there is no real want. Meat was more the habit becomes epidemic. Yet there abundant in London at the week-end and many buseholds in the West End are people who wonder that the workand West Central districts, my ingman asks more for his labor, which is all he has to sell.

The truth is there has been a great expansion of our circulating medium. money, and a greater extension of credit. This, with the war demand for many goods, has forced the increase in prices. The government may attempt to regulate prices, but, unless it is done for all articles it will be a failure. Everybody is trying to get more, and everybody is having to pay more. The net result to individunla is not a great deal of difference.

An exchange declares that in England they have what they call "bully beef." That may be better than no beef, but the name is too significant to be popular in this country.

The statement is going the rounds that Secretary Baker was concealed in a wine cellar for safety while the air raid over Paris was in progress. At this distance, it seems that one ought to feel safe while thus situated.

Berlin has not vouchsafed to inform us on what pretext the invasion of Russia continues.

"That beats the Dutch" may be an appropriate exclamation these days.

SPRING HAS COME Now is the season when cheap orange substitutes for Whistle are Whistle label for your health's sake .-

THE JARR FAMILY

By Roy L. McCardell

(Copyright, 1918, by the Press Publishing Co. The New York Evening World.) "But why do you say you had no ex-

cuse to run in to see the children and this winter, or butter, but espectime until now?" asked Mrs. Jarr. "Sure-sugar, would have been like coming ly you did not have to wait till your son sent you his pho-tograph in uniwhere in France? Dusenberry, the

admitted, "but you could have come in and asked for tea or coffee; they from Indiana. 'ever sense we've been neighbors till or butter." said the old lady from Inthis last winter I

could put my shawl over my head and run in to see you anybody else I liked, with a cup in my hand, and say 'I just dropped in to bo a cup of sugar till I can run out to the store and get some for myself." "Why, yes, of course," Mrs. Jarr re-lied. "One doesn't mind a neighbor

We all have to do those things at times." the old lady went on, "up to this winter I had the excuse of coming some parts of Indianny it's called sorto borry something and the excuse of ghum, but if people wants to put on airs dropping in again to pay it back. You when the preacher was to dinner they'd can't jest go dropping in on people for nothing. Why, when I was ionesome in my little dark flat on the ground floor, I've known myself to have almost every cup and saucer I own filled with sugar I'd borrowed, or butter. Then, after

waiting a decent length of time, I'd return it, just as I borrowed it. Bless you, lard, or whatever it was; I jest wanted an excuse to drop in to see folks I liked. "Of course, it's not fashionable to borry things, and I suppose only poor people do it any more. Well-to-do women have ask how the heel can be turned on a which the storekeeper soldier-sock they are knitting, or to come from the loaf with a hatchet." "Just the same, during all the recent built up the most attractively, no cearcity of sugar, I noticed the candy matter whether they have experienced borry a book and to come bring it back. as I know how to knit even finscarcity of sugar, I noticed the candy gered mittens, and as my pore eyes stores-and all candy is made of sugar-

"But you could have come in to borrow a cup of sugar or some butter recently if you needed it," said Mrs. Jarr. dearle, you know I dassent done it," replied the old lady from Indiana.

(London Daily Mail of Feb. 16.)

The new session of parliament prom-

ses to be an anxious and thrilling one,

liament, and would certainly be so if

it were not for the extraordinary cir-

and the new electorate, eight millions

in number, will naturally ask that it should be consulted on its choice of

The great new factor in politics to-

day is the attempt of Mr. Arthur Hen-derson, the recognized leader of the la-

or party, to establish his party on

The new labor party hopes to have

aiming at nothing less than to secure

control of the government machinery

Moving Towards Rations.

If I devote much space in this letter

each week just now to the great food

world where this paper circulates have

There are 23,000 wives and families of

Canadian soldiers in England, wives who have come over here to be near

their husbands and, if possible, to help

in war work. There were originally no fewer than 35,000, but the authorities contrived to get many of them

Canadian women, I may say, are pro

vided for by the Canadian army, which

is allowing them to draw from the mil-

of Australian and New Zealand fam ilies here. The whole empire has kith and kin in London.

The best summary of the food situa-

tion here is a repetition of what I said

last week. There is inconvenience and a shortage of certain supplies, but

before the real crisis began. These

dering what is happening to

different basis. Mr. Henderson is am

election possibly a peer or two.

representatives.

It may be the last session of this par-

QUESTION OF FOOD NOW

hadn't them excuses."

asking to borry a woman's best Sunday silk dress, or her planny, or her husband, or anything she set her greatest store

"Well, sugar was very scarce, butter has been very dear," Mrs. Jarr

haven't been much dearer.' diana, "So long as I didn't really need it, but had plenty of my own in my sugar canister, I never felt ashamed to make it an excuse and pretended I had run out of it. But when I hadn't any. when I couldn't get any, why, I was ashamed to go and ax for it. So I jest stayed home and used long sweetening in my coffee. We could always git plen-

ty of long aweetening."
"What do you mean by long aweetening?" asked Mrs. Jarr. "Molasses, or as some stylish people calls it, sirup," replied the old lady. "In say, 'Pass the minister them sirup and Of course, the preacher wasn't expected to use the sirup as long takes all our time. Even in the rav-sweetening in his coffee. Coffee was aged cities of France and Belgium. very dear when I was a little gal in Taylor Township, and we used coffee essence, which was made from burnt molasses. Sugar, white sugar, was very dear them days before the Civil war. It and more attractive educationally, used to come in big loafs, like the hats them Mexican bandits wears in the moving pictures. And it was wrapped in this war is settled, assuming that the blue paper, and rich people bought it by righteous cause of the allies will win, blue paper, and rich people bought it by righteous cause of the allies will win, the ten-pound loaf, but poor people only new and higher standards than ever bought it by the pound or half-pound, before will at once be demanded in bought it by the pound or half-pound.

won't let me read them love novels, I ran full blast," remarked Mrs. Jarr. hadn't them excuses." candy," she added, felly, for Mr. Jarr had entered at this point, "but I believe here was no scarcity whatsoever." Mr. Jarr pretended not to hear, but

the shot went home just the same.

UPPERMOST IN LONDON

Lord Rhondda should move in this matter beyond public opinion. Hoardsonal consumption is- one thing. prosecution that makes the ordinary store cupboard of the careful housewife a crime is another. What is hoarding? According to one magistrate you may be allowed to hold a month's supplies; according to another you ought not to have more than a week's. Lord Rhondda admits that we may have a fortnight's supply. Nervous people who have three or four pounds of tea or twelve pounds of oatmeal are asking their friends to take some of their stocks off their hands lest they be sent to prison. This, of course, is

TO THE EDITOR

A Greater Chattanooga Editor The News:

It is a mistake for any person to to the steady improvement of American cities should be delayed until after the present war is concluded. Of course, the winning of the war should have indisputable first place, but yet no person would say that aged cities of France and Belgium, the local authorities are making and executing plans for making those cities more beautiful, more healthful, commercially and religiously than ever before. would crack off every phase of both private and pub-atchet." lic affairs. The cities which will be

any material destruction or not from the war, will be the cities that will be

preferred both for residence and business purposes. That is the argument advanced by the local authorities of

those cities, and they are wasting no time, but are at work, like hives of

bees, rebuilding and improving their cities on far more elaborate scales than ever before.

Therefore, it behooves American cities to profit by what those European cities are doing. There is a preparedness for conditions we will face when peace is declared, just as we have learned to our great regret that there was a preparedness for war, which latter preparedness we did not have, and many are now saying that because of our unpreparedness for this war, its duration is to be much longer and far more disastrous than if we could have entered it, if

necessary, much sooner on a well prepared basis. Shall we not, therefore, assiduously make our American cities more nearly ideal, in every phase that affects our true happiness and welfare? Applying this to Chattanooga, let us, at the earliest opportunity, extend our city corporate limits to in-clude the immediate suburbs, such of those suburbs as are now separately ters so our city can grow as one incorporated municipality under one management, one system of public af-Additional time for people who have to stand in fairs. Additional territory within them. Some folks get the queue habit, the corporate limits will give us more bonding ability in case it is thought wise to utilize it at any time, and at each place and so accumulating that means has proven indispensible much more than they ever ought to have. Others, hard-working wives enable us to build a creditable city various sizes in sections where there

course the people usually look to the

to exercise foresight in the progress

welfare, future, as well as present,

a city. They are the paid servants the city, seriously charged with its

as far as the present affects the fuis an enormous one. One criticism gifts to the city. Life insurance passed on the government scheme is could be carried for such specific purposes by many Chattanooga men of recognized large wealth, at comparasufficiently for the variation of the re- tively small cost which ould not be missed as annual premiums. Private hard manual labor and others doing wills could provide for such providitile or no work. This, no doubt, will sions also. Is it not far greater credit to do something unselfish for our city which a kind Providence is in which a kind Providence is per-mitting us to live prosperously, than

a month. The supply of margarine was also better, and there was even a little outter. Most people miss fats, such as butter or margaine, much more than cumstances of this war. Even as it is tioned we all manage quite easily with very many politicians are inclined to our sugar supplies. We have adapted reckon the life of the present parliaourselves to the regulation amount ment in weeks. A new electorate has been established under the reform act, half a pound each a week-and we find that it is really sufficient. Our coal supply is also adequate, thanks to rationing The Queve Habit. The queues are the great bane of the life of the poor. They are very largely an unnecessary evil. They do

| joint of fresh meat they had had for

not secure a fair distribution of goods and they mean an excessive waste of bitious. He plans to include brain workers of all types in the ranks of la-They go from queue to queue waiting their turn, obtaining a certain supply at each place and so accumulating bor, and to make it not a class but a national party. He even anticipates among the labor candidates at the next have. Others, hard-working wives with families at home and possibly sequence sometimes to wait for hours are none now and where, before long, to obtain the little they want. Every it will be too late to have creditable to obtain the little they want. Every parks because of the rapid building of one is supposing that queues will end homes all around Chattanooga. Of in this country. This is a big pro-one is supposing that queues gram. That a labor cabinet will come the moment rationing starts. the rates for electric lights boosted in England some day is as certain as that it may be so, but the experience the water company taking also its know the experience of other parts of the water taking also its know the experience of other parts of the empire with labor cabinets contembred to the case. And, of course, it does not follow that beof course, it does not follow that be-cause our food tickets entitle us to prospect without alarm. yet, and whether in particular Mr.

Henderson and his supporters are the men who will be characters are the lord. scheme has been generally approved.
It is exceedingly ingenious and overcomes many obvious difficulties. All
meat is to be boned; your coupon entitles you to boneless fresh meat of a

it is you to boneless fresh meat of a

it is a mart institute, a museum, public
content in the squivalent in men who will be chosen to represent labor, is quite inother matter. certain value or to the equivalent in other similar articles. The price of each cut of meat is fixed. If you like you can can have rump steak, only you will obtain a very much smaller quantity of rump steak than you would of shin of beef. The task of rationing is an art institute, a museum, public school buildings, high grade lecture and concert courses, series of band concerts in the parks in the summer time and in the public auditorium in the winter time, etc., all these to be perpetual memorials bearing the names of the donors as philanthropic in the content of the c certain value or to the equivalent in question it is because I know it is of the greatest interest to most of my readers. People in every part of the friends and relatives at home, and I have no doubt they are anxiously wonthat, complex as it is, it is not complex enough. quirements between people engaged in Hoarders' Surrender Week.

This is hoarders' surrender week. People who have hoards of food are being given this final opportunity to hand over the hoards to the public authorities. Their excessive supplies will be sold, and one-half of what is realised will be paid back to them. Those conditions more ideal in the improvement of our cities, physically, intelegrant of the proportion of the proportion of the proportionally and the proportion of the pr found with hoards after this week will lectually, socially and religiously, so be prosecuted and their heavy punishas to forestall as far as possible any ment demanded. Already a number of strikes, contentions and wars in the people have been prosecuted and heav-future. Chattanooga affords an unily fined. The food controller asks usually conspicuous opportunity to that they should be imprisoned. for one, were able to obtain the first | The danger at this moment is that

set a great example, P. A. MANKER. 22 Million Families

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in the United States

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